



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

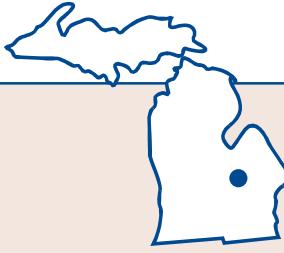
Flint, MI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Flint was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Since 1970, the city's population has declined significantly to its current level of 124,943. African-Americans represent 55.3 percent of the population. In 1999, 22.9 percent of families and 26.4 percent of individuals in the city lived below the poverty level, including 18.4 percent of the population with household incomes below \$10,000. Because of declining employment, especially in the automobile industry, the current unemployment rate is 17.2 percent, compared with 7.6 percent for the state and 6 percent nationally. Flint is a federally designated Urban Renewal Community. Grant funds will support the



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Flint to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform Phase I assessments at up to 74 priority sites in Flint targeted for redevelopment. Funds also will be used for cleanup planning and community outreach.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

city's efforts to increase its tax base, increase access to commercial services, reduce urban sprawl, and revitalize Flint's downtown and surrounding neighborhoods.